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SUBJECT: Policy Letter – Arming of Military Police (MP), Department of the Army Civilian Police (DACP), Department of the Army Security Guards (DASG), and Augmentees (Non-MP) – Memorandum #21

1. REFERENCES.

a. Directive 5210.56, Department of Defense, subject: Carrying of Firearms and the Use of Force by DoD Personnel Engaged in Security, Law and Order, or Counterintelligence Activities.

b. Army Regulation 190-56 (The Army Civilian Police and Security Guard Program).

c. Army Regulation 190-14 (Carrying of Firearms and Use of Force for Law Enforcement and Security Duties).

d. Army Regulation 190-11 (Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives).

e. Army Regulation 525-13 (Antiterrorism).

f. Army Regulation 385-10 (The Army Safety Program).

g. Soldier Training Publication (STP) 21-1 (Soldiers Manual of Common Tasks).

2. PURPOSE. To provide guidance regarding the arming of MP, DACP, DASG, and Augmentees (non-MP) when performing law enforcement, access control, and security duties on U.S. Army Military District of Washington (USAMDW) Senior Commander Installations.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all USAMDW Senior Commander Installations.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The USAMDW Provost Marshal and Protection Directorate (PM/PD) on behalf of the Commanding General provides expertise, guidance and oversight of law enforcement and security operations on all USAMDW Senior Commander Installations.

b. All Installation Directors of Emergency Services (DES) and/or Provost Marshals (PM) will provide guidance, recommendations, direct and indirect supervision during the execution of installation law enforcement, access control and security missions as directed by their respective Garrison Commanders.

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## 5. DEFINITIONS.

a. Military Police/Department of the Army Civilian Police (MP/DACP): Trained law enforcement personnel, MP or DACP performing law enforcement or security duties on installations.

b. Department of the Army Security Guards (DASG): Trained security professionals performing access control, security and guard force duties on installations.

c. Augmentee: Non-law enforcement military personnel assigned, detailed or tasked from internal or external organizations to perform security and or guard force duties on installations.

Note: Augmentees are not authorized to perform “law enforcement” duties/functions.

d. Arming Levels: Brevity code description of the weapon and ammunition conditions:

(1) White: Weapon(s) issued. Ammunition and magazines stored separately from weapon (ammunition/magazine stored in arm rooms, law enforcement desk, guard shelter, etc.).

(2) Green: Weapon(s), ammunitions and magazines issued, with no magazine/ammunition inserted/loaded. (ammunition stored in pouch, harness, holder, etc.).

(3) Amber: Weapon(s), ammunition and magazines issued with magazine/ammunition inserted/loaded (but no round chambered).

(4) Red: Weapon(s), ammunition and magazine issued with magazine/ammunition inserted/loaded and round chambered (with weapon on safe).

e. Force Protection Conditions (FPCON) levels: Brevity code description of uniform and equipment conditions (see enclosure).

## 6. GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES.

a. Garrison Commanders in conjunction with Director of Emergency Services, and/or Provost Marshal, are responsible for determining the arming status of MP, DACP, DASG, CSG, and Augmentees while performing designated duties. The following factors should be considered when deciding on the appropriate arming level:

(1) Increasing an individual's means and ability to protect self or others from known or unknown day-to-day threats (i.e. active/multiple shooter(s), uniformed law enforcement duties, deadly threats to access control points, installation night club/establishment activities, or other forms of deadly behavior).

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(2) Direct protection of designated personnel or critical assets (i.e. SCIF, MEVA, dignitary/bodyguard detail, etc.).

(3) Increased or imminent threat(s) to installation or local community (i.e. guidance from DoD, Federal, State or Local government warning of increased threat level or activity).

(4) Installation geographical location (i.e. area with high level of criminal or violent activity).

(5) High profile or recurring special/public events (i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, , Twilight Tattoo, Army Ten Miler Race, Arlington National Cemetery support etc.).

(6) Individual skill level and proficiency in firearms handling and operations (i.e. newly assigned personnel receiving field or on the job training).

Note: In the performance of official law enforcement or security guard duties/functions, it is highly recommended weapons remain at arming level “Red”.

b. Installation DES/PMs will recommend changes to the arming status for specific missions or events based on their evaluation of the factors outlined above, and ensure all safety policy and procedures for loading and unloading (i.e. weapons issue and clearing barrel instructions, and weapons safety) are adhered to at all times.

c. Installation DES/PMs will inform USAMDW PM/PD via email, voice or written correspondence of changes (increase/decrease) to the arming status of personnel performing law enforcement or security duties.

7. PROPONENT. The USAMDW Provost Marshal is the proponent for this policy letter. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Provost Marshal at (202) 685-2815, DSN 325-2815.

Encl  
FPCON Uniform/Equipment Matrix



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**U.S. Army Military District of Washington  
Force Protection Conditions (FPCON)  
Uniform/Equipment Matrix**

FPCON	MP Uniform	DACP Uniform	DASG Uniform	Augmentee Uniform	Arming Status	Ammunition
<b>NORMAL:</b> Applies when no discernible terrorist activity is evident.  (Normal Procedures)	Black Beret/Soft Cap, ACU, L&O Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, LE Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, Security Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Black Beret/Soft Cap, ACU, LBV/IBA Gear, Level IIIA or unit issued body armor	MP/DACP/DASG: M-9 /M-4/Shotgun AUG: M-9/M-4/M-16 (if issued), Arming Status directed by DES & Garrison Commander	M-9:(3) Mags, 45 rounds (15 rounds each), M-4:(2) Mags (30 rounds each) Shotgun: Max Load
<b>ALPHA:</b> Applies when general threat possible but not creditable or imminent.  (Awareness Procedures)	Black Beret/Soft Cap, ACU, L&O Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, LE Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, Security Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Black Beret/Soft Cap, ACU, LBV/IBA Gear, Level IIIA or unit issued body armor	MP/DACP/DASG: M-9/M-4/Shotgun AUG: M-9/M-4/M-16 (if issued), Arming Status directed by DES & Garrison Commander	M-9:(3) Mags, 45 rounds (15 rounds each), M-4:(3) Mags (30 rounds each) Shotgun: Max Load
<b>BRAVO:</b> Applies when intelligence indicates predictable threat exist.  (Sustained Procedures)	Black Beret /Soft Cap, Helmet in reach, ACU, L&O Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, LE Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, Security Gear, Level IIIA body armor	Black Beret/Soft Cap, Helmet in reach, ACU, LBV/IBA Gear, Level IIIA or unit issued body armor	MP/DACP/DASG: M-9/M-4/Shotgun AUG: M-9/M-4/M-16 Arming Status "Red" or as directed by DES & Garrison Commander	M-9:(3) Mags, 45 rounds (15 rounds each), M-4:(4) Mags (30 rounds each) Shotgun: Max Load
<b>CHARLIE:</b> Applies when intelligence indicates threats are creditable and immediate action necessary.  (Hardened Procedures)	Helmet, Soft Cap, ACU, L&O/LBV/IBA Gear, Level IIIA body armor or higher	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, LE Gear, Level IIIA body armor or higher	Duty Headgear, Duty Uniform, Security Gear, Level IIIA body armor or higher	Helmet, Soft Cap, ACU, LBV/IBA Gear, Level IIIA or unit issued body armor	MP/DACP/DASG: M-9/M-4/Shotgun AUG: M-9/M-4/M-16/ M-249/M-240B, Patrol/Armored Vehicle at Entry Point, Arming Status "Red"	M-9:(3) Mags, 45 rounds (15 rounds each), M-4:(6) Mags (30 rounds each), Shotgun: Max Load M-249/M-240B: Designated Base Load
<b>DELTA:</b> Applies when intelligence indicates threats are imminent and/or if incident occurs.  (Lockdown Procedures)	Helmet, ACU, L&O/LBV/IBA Gear, Level IIIA body armor or higher, M-40 Protective Mask & JSLISLI Chemical Suit	Helmet, Duty Uniform, LE Gear, Level IIIA body armor or higher, M-40 Protective Mask	Helmet, Duty Uniform, Security Gear, Level IIIA body armor or higher, M-40 Protective Mask	Helmet, ACU, LBV/IBA Gear, Level IIIA or unit issued body armor, M-40 Protective Mask & JSLISLI Chemical Suit	MP/DACP/DASG: M-9/M-4/Shotgun AUG: M-9/M-4/M-16/ M-249/M-240B or other designated Heavy Weapons, Patrol/Armored Vehicle at entry Point, Arming Status "Red"	M-9:(3) Mags, 45 rounds (15 rounds each), M-4(6) Mags (30 rounds each), Shotgun: Max Load M-249/M-240B/Heavy Wpns: Designated Base Load

**Note:** Above mentioned brevity codes are incorporated during increased FPCONs and are subject to equipment availability which may, or may not exist on MDW installations.

**(Enclosure)**